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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S KANO TRIP

FROM AL COX WHCA

FOR WHCA WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY OPERATIONS

1. REQUEST WHCA FINANCE MEET WITH THE PER DIEM BOARD AND INCREASE PER DIEM RATE FOR KANO FROM \$58 A DAY TO \$72 A DAY. THIS IS THE RATE UTILIZED BY THE US CONSULATE FOR THIS AREA AND IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. MAKE IT RETROACTIVE TO 14 MARCH 1978. ATTEMPT TO PAY ADDITIONAL PER DIEM TO WHCA TEAM MEMBERS BEFORE THEY DEPART.

2. REQUEST WHCA OPNS ADD ONE MORE HALS DUX PONY TTY SYSTEM TO KANO TRIP LOAD FOR POSSIBLE USE AT THE KANO AGRICULTURAL SITE (KADAWA) WHICH IS 45 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR DRIVING TIME FROM KANO. THE DISTANCE IS ABOUT 45 MILES. HOWEVER IT IS RELATIVELY FLAT.

3. A HOTEL HAS NOT YET BEEN SELECTED BY THE FMG FOR OUR USE. I AM PRESENTLY STAYING AT THE HOME OF DAVID EVANS, USIS IN KANO. YOU MAY SEND A MESSAGE TO ME THERE
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THROUGH THE US CONSULATE IN KADUNA, MR. TOM BURKE. I HAVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED TODAY TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STORAGE SPACE. I VISITED THE KADAWA PROJECT YESTERDAY UPON MY ARRIVAL WITH MR. BURKE. THE NIGERIANS ARE PREPARING A HELO LANDING PAD AND MAKING OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT AT THE PROJECT.

4. I AM PONDERING A REQUEST TO YOU TO DELAY THE WHCA TEAM DEPARTURE FROM THERE BY 24 HOURS, FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM IS DUE TO ARRIVE HERE AT 0830 ON 20 MARCH 1978. THE WHCA TEAM IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT 0945 AND THE SECOND PLANE AT 1545. I WILL BE WITH THE PREADVANCE TEAM AT THE TIME OF THE WHCA TEAM ARRIVAL. THE WHCA TEAM PUT IN UP TO 12 HOURS DEAD TIME UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. I DELAY THIS REQUEST BECAUSE I WILL BE MEETING TODAY WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO TRY AND RESOLVE THE ISSUE (TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION). ALSO THE 24TH AND 27TH OF MARCH ARE NIGERIAN HOLIDAYS. I DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT HOW THIS WILL AFFECT US. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM ME BY FRIDAY PLEASE PROCEED AS PLANNED.

5. SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS ARE FINE--ONE SUIT FOR THE DAY OF VISIT IS ENOUGH. PASS TO TEAM MEMBERS: LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND SOME SOFT DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE BUT EXPENSIVE.
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